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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our sustainer, it is time to pray and, in the silence of this moment, examine our hearts. Lord, You know our thoughts and see where we fall short of Your glory. Restore us to Your purposes as You lead us in the path everlasting.

Search the hearts of our Senators. You know the struggles that confront them, the things they wrestle with, the things that irritate and gnaw at them and cause them to abandon trust in You.

O God, You know us better than we know ourselves. Search our hearts and give us Your peace.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 20, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED—Resumed

Mr. REID. Madam President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 250, S. 1940.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to calendar No. 250, S. 1940, a bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I have a cloture motion at the desk I wish to be reported.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close the debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 250, S. 1940, An original bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes.

Harry Reid, Tim Johnson, Al Franken,
Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A.

Coons, Tom Harkin, Barbara A. Mikulski, Kent Conrad, Robert Menendez, Jack Reed, Barbara Boxer, Ben Nelson, Michael F. Bennet, Max Baucus, Mark Begich, Richard Blumenthal, Kay R. Hagan.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum required under rule XXII be waived.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, following leader remarks today, the Republican leader will move to proceed to S.J. Res. 37. Following that motion; that is, the one Senator McCONNELL will make, the time until 11:30 a.m. will be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 15 minutes and the majority controlling the next 15 minutes, and I have designated that Senator ROCKEFELLER will take that 15 minutes. At 11:30 a.m. the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 37. If the motion to proceed is not agreed to, the Senate will then resume S. 3240, the farm bill, and the votes in relation to amendments that remain in order to the bill. So Senators should expect a long day of voting, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Madam President, we did extremely well yesterday. We were able, as indicated last night, to even turn in votes earlier because everyone was here. There are lots of events going on in the Capitol today, but we are going to have to stick to our business at hand and make sure we get through this long list of amendments because we are going to have to finish this and the flood insurance legislation before we leave here this week. That is a large assignment. We have to do that.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 3240

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to any amendments voted on during Tuesday's

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